



# **Berks DES EMS Working Group**

## **November 1, 2016**

### **General Meeting Minutes**

- **DES Berks County EMS Response Plan**

- Mistake was made in verbiage of the document that was never discovered. In writing, members agreed to fifteen (15) hours per month where unit could be out of service, however that does not 96%. Figures provided in agreement represent 98% or 1.5 hours of out of service time
- Will proceed forward under philosophy of fifteen (15) hours and will circulate new agreement to all agencies.
- “Going Busy” will make status as “Out of Service” if there is no truck that is in service; DES will attempt to accurately document reason for busy status.
  - Encouragement should be made to crews to not state they are busy on status for decontamination, restock, etc. Crews should remain on the active call and notify DES once they are available again.
- Radio upgrades are still underway; should be completed by the end of the week;

#### **Counterterrorism – Chris Chamberlain**

- Final budget is being discussed. Health and medical group will be reaching out to various agencies in coming fiscal year to discuss training opportunities.

#### **EMS Council – John Kloss (via Email)**

- EMSOF funding request has been sent, will maintain suggestion pending the meeting of the committee
- Josh Kulp is requesting reminders to all agencies that are carrying etomidate, make sure to send quarterly report to Jason Smith.

#### **Reading Health System – Anthony Martin**

- Trauma bays and ED expansion has opened today.
  - Concerns have raised by DES Committee Members regarding the location of the trauma family room and its proximity to EMS Crew room. Anthony will evaluate possible solutions. Crews are reminded to avoid discussing patient care in this area until alternate solution may be developed.
  - Dinner and Learn next week Wednesday : Dr. John Braca III. Neurosurgeons: discussing neurosurgical emergencies, stroke assessments, etc, flyer to be provided;
  - Traffic in and out of ED: Arrows to be pending for new standard of ambulance access to emergency room. At present, all access points remain open

#### **Reading Health System School of Health Sciences – Anthony Martin**

- Flyers pending for hybrid EMR in February, AEMT shall be starting as January.
- Position Alert: Joanne Rily Rosa Class Coordinator, opening for position due to retirement.

#### **PennState Saint Joseph Medical Center – Chris Chamberlain**

- STEMI team has revised the feedback forms which now does include data for Mission Lifeline and are more descriptive.
- ED Program to begin called, “30 second EMS Timeouts.”
  - Formalizes hand off process from EMS to ED staff with goal on all patients.

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- Procedures is for EMS to come into room. An 'EMS timeout' is called. Patient will not be moved until report is given with the expectation for EMS to have report concise and completed within 30 seconds.
- Staff may be utilizing the EMS transfer of care form in lieu of other forms. Discussion was raised that according to the EMS Act § 1021.41, the EMS Care Transfer Form is a mandatory component of patient care.
- EMS Roundtable meeting to be forthcoming.

#### **PennStar – No Representative**

#### **LVH Medevac – No Representative**

#### **Old business:**

- Medcom Fees: Thank you letter discussed at last meeting to local hospitals has been tabled to next meeting awaiting final approved from local hospitals.
- Anthony Martin: Request for further preparation and improvement to current RHS STEMI procedure
  - Prehospital calling RHS and notifying presence of a STEMI patient,
  - Transmit of 12 Lead ECG
  - Second call with more complete report when available
  - Motion for Anthony Martin and Christopher Chamberlain to formulate an algorithm for new STEMI alert procedure with both hospitals.
    - Motion By: Tony Tucci
    - Seconded by Matthew Small
    - Motion Passed by voice vote.

#### **New Business:**

- John Shook: Announcement was made that Lifelion EMS is in the area and eligible to assist when necessary. Brian Gottschall raised the fact that currently a provider requesting Company 690 to respond violates the current run card system. DES dispatchers shall be notifying providers that although requesting 690 will be permitted, does violate the run card system.
- Matt Small: Active shooter preparations in progress with Reading Fire. Open forum questions about standardization of equipment on services. Ed Moreland stated that WBEMS is already working on similar bags with Dr. Duane Siberski and regional counterterrorism MAC committee.
- WBEMS is soliciting other providers that are interested in attending the EMS conference in Salt Lake City to contact Tony Tucci or Ed Moreland regarding group pricing abilities.

**Next Meeting: December 6, 2016 10:00 AM**

#### **Motion to close**

Motion by: Tony Tucci  
Seconded by: Ed Moreland

Meeting closed at: 11:26 AM